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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING SEPTAL DEFECTS
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patent
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.